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REMARKS

Claims 1-77 are in the case.

Claims 1-11, 18, and 26-36 have been canceled.

Claims 12, 19, and 37 have been amended.

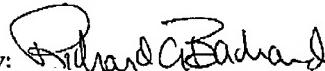
The allowance of claims 20-25 and 43-77 is noted with appreciation.

The examiner has objected to claims 12-17, 19 and 37-52, indicating that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 12 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 1 on which claim 12 formerly depended. Claim 19 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 18 on which claim 19 formerly depended. Claim 37 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 26 on which claim 37 formerly depended.

It is therefore believed that this case is in form for immediate allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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